

AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

Kindly amend the claims, without prejudice, without admission, without surrender of subject matter, and without any intention of creating any estoppel as to equivalents, as follows:

In the claims:

1. (Currently Amended) A device (~~30; 40; 50~~) for manual control of the position of switching means (~~42, 43, 45~~) having two extreme positions A and C and an intermediate position B, provided with a crank (~~5; 41~~) and with a crank pin (~~6; 70~~) and controlling the electrical powering of a motor for operating a closure, privacy or sun-protection element, which device comprises a slider (~~1; 61~~) that can move in translation, has a rest position and is provided with tracks (~~20, 21; 52; 62, 63, 64, 65~~) in which the crank pin (~~6; 70~~) is displaced, and wherein, when the slider is displaced toward its rest position, the tracks allow the crank pin to be guided toward three zones (a, b and c) of the slider in which its position is stable and which correspond to the three positions of the switching means.

2. (Original) The manual control device (30; 40; 50) as claimed in claim 1, wherein the slider comprises a track (103) allowing the displacement of the crank pin when the switching means are displaced from one of said positions toward another.

3. (Previously Presented) The manual control device (30; 40; 50) as claimed in claim 1, wherein the slider has at least one means (51a, 51b, 24a, 24b) to permanently divert the crank pin from said tracks.

4. (Previously Presented) The manual control device (50) according to claim 3, wherein said means comprises an elastic tab (51a, 51b).

5. (Previously Presented) The manual control device according to claim 4, wherein said elastic tab is articulated about an axis parallel to the bottom of the tracks.

6. (Original) The manual control device as claimed in claim 3, wherein the means allowing the crank pin to be permanently diverted from certain tracks comprises a ramp (27) and steps (24a, 24b) creating tracks (20, 21) having a plurality of levels as compared to the direction of the axis of the crank pin and means (17; 41) for returning the crank pin to the bottom of these tracks (20, 21).

7. (Previously Presented) The manual control device as claimed in claim 6, wherein the slider comprises tracks interacting with the crank pin (70) having a shoulder for constituting a circuit that makes it possible to bring the switching means (42, 43, 45) into the following positions by means of successive actions on the slider (61): intermediate position B; first extreme position A; intermediate position B; second extreme position C; intermediate position B.

8. (Original) A process for manual control of the position of switching means of a device as claimed in claim 1, wherein, by means of successive actions on the slider, the switching means are displaced into the following stable positions: intermediate position B; first extreme position A; intermediate position B; second extreme position C; intermediate position B.